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IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED OFFICE (DO/US)

In re: **Anthony Donnellan**

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For: **A Tiling Aid**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows. Attached hereto at pages 7-11 is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The marked-up version of the changes is captioned "**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.**" The changes represent changes to the claims and specification as published in PCT Published Application WO 01/09460.

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any refund to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:-

On page 1, line 1, please insert the following:

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

The present application is a U.S. national phase application of PCT International Application No. PCT/GB00/01678, having an international filing date of May 2, 2000 and claiming priority to Great Britain Application No. 9909989.7 filed April 30, 1999, and Great Britain Application No. 9910892.0 filed May 11, 1999, the disclosures of which are

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